

Amendment
USSN 09/878,269

REMARKS

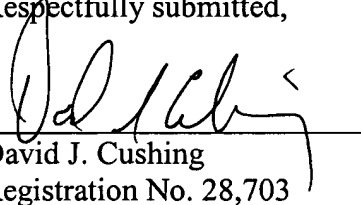
Claims 1-25 remain in the application.

The claims have been thoroughly editorially amended to address all of the issues raised by the examiner as well as any others seen by the undersigned. The amendments are believed self-explanatory.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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